Subject: Chat with Gráinne O'Neill
From: "Gráinne O'Neill" <grainne@gmail.com>
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me: howdy
me: I need to give you some information just in case I'm unable to provide it later
me: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_F._Friedman
me: the son of this fellow has been attempting to take control of our investigation into what we call "Metal Gear"
me: His name is Barry Friedman
me: Aside from his father, his brother is also a major figure in the "industry" and in fact gave a talk at the NATO conference in Brusells a few weeks back
me: Barry is also emotionally unstable and has a long history within both the counterculture and intelligence communities
me: He's also a longtime friend and possibly former agent (in the conventional business sense) of Gilman Louie
Gráinne: Hmmm - who is gilman louie?
Gráinne: do you have any more information you can give me?
me: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gilman_Louie
me: oh, tons
Gráinne: whats metal gear?
Gráinne: should i just look on wikipedia?
Gráinne: brb
me: http://wiki.echelon2.org/wiki/Main_Page
me: we've been working on some press on this
Gráinne: ok but his son is trying to 'take it over' what are you implying?
me: it's a long, weird story
me: I'm still working with him to some extent
Gráinne: ok but you are basically suspicous of him at the same time
Gráinne: ?
Gráinne: when were fake personas first documented?
Gráinne: is all evidence started with the air force bid?
me: hard to say, but that USAF was first thing to cause the current campaign of investigation
me: one sec
me: talking to Friedman
me: okay
me: anyway, it's a long story
me: it's not so much that he was trying to take over Anonymous per se
me: rather, he was being unusually forceful in trying to run Operation Metal Gear
me: which I launched about two months back
me: I went on Russia Today after we'd been working on it for 48 hours

me: and announced it formally
Gráinne: cool...
Gráinne: when?
me: some articles appeared
me: in Forbes
me: one sec
Gráinne: how did i miss this?
Gráinne: anyway - sometimes in working with you i feel like i'm in a spy novel
me: well, I've been meaning to be more communicative
Gráinne: like i'm this person thats receiving clues
me: but I was getting off opiates
Gráinne: that i'll have to pick up later on
Gráinne: but maybe you are just helping me write a future book
Gráinne: that sucks
me: and as such I could barely answer my e-mails
Gráinne: sorry to hear...
me: oh, it's fine, I got back on
me: Suboxone
me: which is prescribed
me: long story
Gráinne: yes
me: anyway
Gráinne: ok so you launch
Gráinne: dude shows up
Gráinne: you figure out his pedigree
me: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6N-n83g7nmw
Gráinne: and then you are a little bit cautious?
Gráinne: oh cool
Gráinne: i'll watch alter
me: that was announcement
Gráinne: later
Gráinne: all i ever see is playstation...
me: which Russia Today was trying to turn into war on Pentagon
me: whereas I was trying to tamp down our Pentagon conflict
me: but that's another story
me: so then a couple articles come out from reporters we'd tipped
me: some of whom we're working with now
me: so then Friedman gets wind
me: contacts Topiary on twitter
me: at this point I'm working with WhiteKidney, Baas, Topiary via Skype
me: and feeding Anon info via our streaming radio program, IRC channels, etc
Gráinne: wheres' your streaming radio?

Gráinne: is it like public?
me: Friedman joins us on skype, tells us about his long history in software, intel, counterculture
me: oh, it only goes on occasionally, otherwise it's just Eurofag techno
me: in this case they announced on IRC that'd I be making announcement
me: so during this time the few of us are working in a sort of clandestine fashion
Gráinne: ok
me: which raises a lot of issues right there
Gráinne: like how'd he get to your secret area?
me: oh
me: he just asked to talk to us
Gráinne: ok
me: we decided to let him onto our skype group
me: and we hear him out
me: decide he has plenty to offer
me: which he does
me: and he puts us on better track
me: when it was just me leading, we were up against Booz Allen Hamilton
me: we thought they were main factor in persona management, etc, which you can read about at our wiki
me: Or see the articles, there've been some good ones
Gráinne: yeah i've read about that thats why i was surprised that i missed metal gear
Gráinne: so go on...
me: http://www.thetechherald.com/article.php/201111/6939/Anonymous-Government-contractor-has-weaponized-social-media?page=1
me: anywho
me: I named it Metal Gear after a video game
me: so that these execs, feds would have to call each other using the term "Metal Gear"
me: as there's more to life than just espionage, lulz remain important
Gráinne: good to hear...
Gráinne: go on!
me: so, long story short, the guy's nuts, we don't get along, but we still trade info back and forth
me: and there's a massive surveillance/manipulation operation going on
Gráinne: does he admit to working with the government
Gráinne: ?
Gráinne: do you have any experience with infiltration??
Gráinne: have you talked to anyone with eperience?
me: under joint U.S./U.K./Australia/New Zealand/Canada command
me: same entity that runs Echelon
me: nope, I have no experience with anything, really, although I've managed to attract a number of contacts/admirers over the last two years, including Barry Eisler, a former CIA

Directorate of Operations fellow who has been helpful
me: and I'm otherwise unusually equipped to deal with these things due to my own unusual background
me: but no, he doesn't work for the government
me: and in this intel bullshit, you reach a point at which "government" is no longer a useful term
me: anyway, there's a lot more going on here
Gráinne: well the larger government
Gráinne: ...
Gráinne: someone unfriendly
Gráinne: its been that way for some time
me: he
Gráinne: ok but go on
Gráinne: sorry for interrupting you!
me: is not working for the shadow government, if that
me: is what you mean
Gráinne: this is the way i talk in rl too
Gráinne: with all the interruptions
Gráinne: and i'm sorry to do it over gcht
Gráinne: at
Gráinne: so well what do you suspect him of being?
Gráinne: do you want to just call me on the phone tomorrow sometime?
me: sure